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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRIOR APPLICATION: Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
 Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

**CONTINUATION-IN-PART PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
(SMALL ENTITY)**

This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION-IN-PART patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

1. This application is a [x] Continuation-in-part patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. _____, entitled MULTI-CHANNEL MESSAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD, filed on August 14, 2001, of:

Inventors: Curtis GENEROUS *et al.*

For: **MULTI-CHANNEL MESSAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

2. The papers enclosed are as follows:

152 Pages of specification including
 1 Title Page
 34 Pages of claims
 1 Page of abstract
13 Sheets of drawings containing 13 Figures

3. Amendments

[] Cancel in this application original claims _____ in the enclosed copy of prior application before calculating the filing fee.

[] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

4. Oath or Declaration

[] A newly executed (original or copy) oath or declaration is enclosed.

[] A copy of an oath or declaration from a prior application is enclosed under 37 C.F.R § 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

[] A signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application is enclosed.

5. Relate Back - 35 U.S.C. § 120

[] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

6. Priority - foreign applications under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) or PCT international applications under 35 U.S.C. § 365(a) designating at least one country other than the U.S.

[] Priority of the following foreign application(s) is/are claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filed

Certified copies: [] is/are attached.

[] will follow.

[] were filed in prior U.S. Application No. _____ on _____ and prior U.S. Application No. _____ on _____.

7. Assignment

- The prior application (U.S. Patent Application No. _____) is assigned of record to _____. An assignment document was filed on _____ and recorded at Reel, Frame. The assignment document for U.S. Patent Application No. _____, assigning the rights of the application to _____, was filed on _____.
- An assignment of the invention to _____ and a PTO Form-1595, Recordation Form Cover Sheet, are enclosed.

8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	at Rate of	Basic Fee
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	130 - 20 =	110	\$ 18.00 each =	+ \$ 1980.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	21 - 3 =	18	\$ 80.00 each =	+ \$ 1440.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))			\$270.00	+ \$ 0.00
SUB-TOTAL =				\$ 3420.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity				- \$ 1710.00
TOTAL FILING FEE =				\$ 1710.00

9. Fee Payment

- Not Enclosed. **NO FEE IS BEING PAID BY CHECK OR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THIS TIME.**

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).
Applicant(s) await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and paying the filing fees.

- Enclosed.

A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee and _____ additional claims is enclosed.

10. Small Entity Status is claimed

11. The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the registered practitioners of Greenberg Traurig, LLP included in the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and all correspondence shall be addressed to that Customer Number.

Please address all correspondence to Greenberg Traurig, LLP at
Customer Number: 22192

12. Recognize as associate attorney George S. Bardmesser, Reg. No. 44,020
(name, address, and registration no.)

13. **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the prior application, application no. _____, filed August 14, 2001, entitled MULTI-CHANNEL MESSAGING SYSTEM AND METHOD, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the prior application and the present application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0653.

14. [x] **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0653. This paragraph is intended to be an **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

15. Additional papers enclosed:

- [] Information Disclosure Statement
- [] Form PTO-1449
- [] Request for Approval of Drawing Changes

Respectfully submitted,

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